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Major General Thomas M. Tarpley Commandant, U.S. Army Infantry School Fort Benning, Georgia 31905

Dear Tom: Your letter of 21 February was most welcome. I have sent copies of your letter to General Graham of DIA and am asking for his reaction to the creation of an interagency task force to respond to your request. I have also solicited and received a commitment from the CIA's Office of Strategic Research to participate in this effort. With these agencies pulling together, I believe we may be able to send you the best talent in town and adequately cover the topics you suggested. As you would suspect, most of the intelligence collection, analysis and production resources at the national level are dedicated to resolving those issues and questions normally raised by policymakers and grand strategists. We can do a pretty fair job of anticipating the capabilities and beliavior of a Soviet Tank Army or a Front but we have a considerably smaller data base on small unit tactics. Nevertheless, my own informal inquiries since receipt of your letter convinces me that sufficient information is available to enable us to make some contribution to your effort. I am going to propose an interagency team be prepared to visit you some time in May. I would anticipate General Graham might designate the team leader. Meanwhile, until I can get something worked out up here, my staff, will be available to respond to any questions or comments

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I will keep you apprised of developments at this end as I hear from General Graham.

Sincerely,

/s/ Samuel V. Wilson

Samuel V. Wilson
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cc: Director, DLA

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Lieutenant General Samuel V. Wilson Deputy to Director Central Intelligence for Intelligence Community Washington, D. C. 20505

Dear General Mean

During your visit here on 30 December 1974, you offered to provide the Infantry School a number of subject matter experts who could make presentations and participate in discussions as a part of our Faculty Development Program. We are definitely interested in pursuing a further exchange of information between your agency and the USAIS, and we hope that you will be able to fund and otherwise support such an effort. Inasmuch as we are currently in the process of revising some of our resident courses, we feel your representatives could provide valuable insights into areas that have significant influence on our programs of instruction. If you can so assist us, we would appreciate your providing us the name of a point of contact in your agency so that further coordination can be effected.

We would like to host your briefing team here at Fort Benning sometime during the April - May time frame to address an audience of between 20-30 individuals from our instructional departments. This would be followed by a smaller "shirt-sleeves" session attended by selected personnel from the Brigade and Battalion Operations Department, the Directorate of Combat Developments, and an intelligence ad hoc group. Discussions with small groups of students and faculty could also be arranged.

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Inclosed is a list of suggested discussion topics that are of interest to us. These are critical areas in which added intelligence information can serve to strengthen the fiber of our courses and our combat development efforts.

Thank you for your interest and enthusiasm in this program.

Sincerely,

l Incl As stated THOMAS M. TARPLEY Major General, USA Commandant

SUGGESTED TOPICS OF DISCUSSION

I. U.S.S.R.

- A. SOVIET PLATOON, COMPANY AND BATTALION TACTICAL DOCTRINE
- B. SOVIET TACTICS AND TECHNIQUES IN BUILT-UP AREAS/CITIES
- C. SOVIET AIRBORNE/AIRMOBILE TACTICS
- D. ELECTRONIC WARFARE
- E. SOVIET EMPLOYMENT OF STANO EQUIPMENT
- F. THE PK MACHINEGUN
- G. THE BMP (TO INCLUDE ITS CBR FILTRATION SYSTEM)
- H. NEW DEVELOPMENTS IN SOVIET SELF-PROPELLED ARTILLERY
- I. THE SA-7, SA-8, SA-9 AND ZSU 23-4 AIR DEFENSE SYSTEMS

II. PEOPLES' REPUBLIC OF CHINA

- A. CHINESE PLATOON, COMPANY AND BATTALION TACTICAL DOCTRINE
- B. NEW DEVELOPMENTS IN INFANTRY WEAPONS
- C. ANTI-AIRCRAFT ARTILLERY
- D. COMBAT AND COMBAT SUPPORT ELEMENTS AT DIVISION LEVEL AND BELOW
- E. CHINESE ARMORED/MECHANIZED FORCES